

CLAIMS

1. A system for making images of documents, comprising:
a scanner configured to substantially concurrently:
generate electronic images of documents; and
print copies of the documents.
2. A system for making images according to claim 1, wherein the scanner is configured to generate and store the electronic images in accordance with a preselected set of default parameters, wherein the default parameters include a default storage location.
3. A system for making images according to claim 2, further comprising an interface connected to the scanner, wherein the interface is configured to facilitate changing the storage location and initiate the generation of the electronic images.
4. A system for making images according to claim 1, further comprising a control system connected to the scanner, wherein the control system is configured to store at least one of a location and a type of a binding element associated with the documents.
5. A system for making images according to claim 4, further comprising an interface connected to the control system, wherein the interface is configured to display multiple binding element types for selection.
6. A system for making images according to claim 1, further comprising an interface for providing commands to the scanner, wherein the interface comprises a voice recognition system.

7. A system for making images according to claim 1, further comprising an interface configured to:
present the electronic images for review; and
initiate the generation of the electronic images.
8. A system for making images according to claim 1, further comprising a control system connected to the scanner, wherein the control system is configured to insert reference numbers into the electronic images.
9. A system for making images according to claim 8, wherein the control system is configured to insert the reference numbers into each electronic image before printing the copy of the document; and
the reference numbers are included in the physical copies.
10. A system for making images according to claim 1, further comprising a recording system connected to the scanner, wherein the recording system is configured to record the electronic images on a medium and store a viewer program on the medium.
11. A system for making images according to claim 10, wherein:
the scanner generates the electronic images in an initial format; and
the recording system copies the electronic images onto the medium in the initial format.
12. A method of making images of documents, comprising:
generating electronic images of the documents;
storing the electronic images at a storage location; and
making a physical copy of the documents substantially concurrently with the generation of the electronic images of the documents.

13. A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, further comprising receiving verbal commands regarding the images via a voice recognition system.
14. A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, wherein the storage location comprises a selectively changeable default storage location.
15. A method of making images of documents according to claim 14, wherein:
the default storage location is selectively changeable from a user interface; and,
the interface is configured to initiate the generating of the electronic images.
16. A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, further comprising storing at least one of a location and a type of a binding element associated with the documents.
17. A method of making images of documents according to claim 16, wherein storing the at least one of the location and the type of the binding element includes selecting a corresponding binding element from multiple binding element options presented on a graphical interface.
18. A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, further comprising performing quality control on the electronic images.
19. A method of making images of documents according to claim 18, wherein performing quality control on the electronic images is performed on an interface;
and
the interface is configured to initiate the generating of the electronic images.
20. A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, further comprising inserting reference numbers into the electronic images.

21. A method of making images of documents according to claim 20, wherein:
the reference numbers are inserted into each electronic image before making the physical copy of the document; and
the reference numbers are included in the physical copy.
22. A method of making images of documents according to claim 12, further comprising:
copying the images onto a medium; and
storing a viewer program on the medium.
23. A method of making images of documents according to claim 22, wherein
generating the electronic images includes generating the electronic images in an initial format; and
copying the images onto the medium includes copying the images onto the medium in the initial format.
24. An imaging system, comprising:
a scanner configured to generate electronic images; and
a control system connected to the scanner and configured to substantially concurrently store the electronic images and generate physical copies of the images.
25. An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the control system is further configured to generate organizational data associated with the images.
26. An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the images correspond to documents.

27. An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the organizational data includes at least one of binding element information, document boundary information, and duplex information.
28. An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the scanner comprises a multi-function device.
29. An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the scanner and the control system are integrated into a single machine.
30. An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.
31. An imaging system according to claim 30, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in a document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
32. An imaging system according to claim 24, further comprising an interface connected to the control system, wherein the interface is configured to receive commands and organizational information relating to the images and transfer the commands and organizational information to the control system.
33. An imaging system according to claim 32, wherein the interface includes a voice recognition system.
34. An imaging system according to claim 32, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in a document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and

whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.

35. An imaging system according to claim 24, further comprising a display connected to the control system, wherein the control system is configured to selectively provide the images and the organizational data to the display.
36. An imaging system according to claim 24, further comprising a printer configured to print the images.
37. An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the control system is configured to export the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.
38. An imaging system according to claim 24, wherein the control system is configured to export the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.
39. An imaging system for making images of documents, comprising:
 - a scanner configured to generate the images and substantially concurrently generate physical copies of the images;
 - an interface configured to receive organizational information regarding an organization of the documents; and
 - a control system connected to the scanner and the interface, wherein the control system is configured to:
 - receive the organizational information from the interface;
 - generate organizational data based on the organizational information; and
 - associate the organizational data with the images.

40. An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the organizational data includes at least one of binding element information, document boundary information, and duplex information.
41. An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the interface comprises a voice recognition system.
42. An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the scanner comprises a multi-function device.
43. An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the scanner and the control system are integrated into a single machine.
44. An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.
45. An imaging system according to claim 44, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in an individual document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of an individual.
46. An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in an individual document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of an individual.

47. An imaging system according to claim 39, further comprising a display connected to the control system, wherein the control system is configured to selectively provide the images and the organizational data to the display.
48. An imaging system according to claim 39, further comprising a printer configured to print the images.
49. An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the control system is configured to export the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.
50. An imaging system according to claim 39, wherein the control system is configured to export the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.
51. A computer system configured to:
 - control a scanner to generate image data corresponding to a set of images;
 - control the scanner to make a physical copy of the images substantially concurrently with generating the image data; and
 - store the image data in a memory.
52. A computer system according to claim 51, wherein the computer system includes a voice recognition system configured to receive commands relating to the set of images and to control the scanner.
53. A computer system according to claim 51, wherein the images correspond to documents.
54. A computer system according to claim 51, wherein the computer system is further configured to:
 - receive organizational information relating to the images;

generate organizational data associated with the images according to the organizational information; and
store the organizational data in a memory with a set of image data corresponding to the images.

55. A computer system according to claim 54, wherein the organizational data includes at least one of binding element information, document boundary information, and duplex information.
56. A computer system according to claim 54, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.
57. A computer system according to claim 56, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in a document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
58. A computer system according to claim 54, further configured to receive commands and organizational information relating to the images via an interface.
59. A computer system according to claim 58, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in a document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
60. A computer system according to claim 54, further configured to selectively display the images and the organizational data.

61. A computer system according to claim 51, further configured to export the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.
62. A computer system according to claim 51, further configure to export the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.
63. A medium storing a program to be executed on a computer, wherein the program is configured to cause the computer to:
 - control a scanner to generate image data corresponding to a set of images;
 - control the scanner to make a physical copy of the images substantially concurrently with generating the image data; and
 - store the image data in a memory.
64. A medium according to claim 63, wherein the images correspond to documents.
65. A medium according to claim 63, wherein the program is further configured to cause the computer to:
 - receive organizational information relating to the images;
 - generate organizational data associated with the images according to the organizational information; and
 - store the organizational data in a memory with a set of image data corresponding to the images.
66. A medium according to claim 65, wherein the organizational data includes at least one of binding element information, document boundary information, and duplex information.
67. A medium according to claim 65, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.

68. A medium according to claim 67, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in a document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
69. A medium according to claim 65, further comprising receiving commands and organizational information relating to the images via an interface.
70. A medium according to claim 69, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in a document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
71. A medium according to claim 65, further comprising selectively displaying the images and the organizational data.
72. A medium according to claim 63, further comprising exporting the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.
73. A medium according to claim 63, further comprising exporting the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.
74. A method for making a plurality of images, comprising:
making physical copies of the images;
generating image data corresponding to the images substantially concurrently with making the physical copies of the images;
storing the image data in a memory;

generating organizational data relating to the images;
associating the organizational data with the images; and
storing the associated organizational data in the memory.

75. A method according to claim 74, wherein the images correspond to documents.
76. A method according to claim 74, further comprising receiving verbal commands relating to at least one of the images and the organizational data.
77. A method according to claim 74, wherein the organizational data includes at least one of binding element information, document boundary information, and duplex information.
78. A method according to claim 74, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.
79. A method according to claim 78, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in a document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.
80. A method according to claim 74, further comprising receiving commands and organizational information relating to the images via an interface.
81. A method according to claim 80, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in a document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, the identity of a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.

82. A method according to claim 74, further comprising selectively displaying the images and the organizational data.
83. A method according to claim 74, further comprising exporting the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.
84. A method according to claim 74, further comprising exporting the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.